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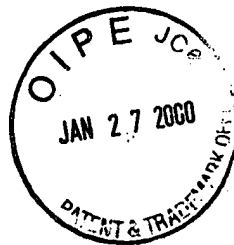
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RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 5

In response to the Office Action mailed October 26, 1999 (Paper No. 5), applicants submit the following remarks. (The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office was officially closed on January 26, 2000.)

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 23-47 are pending in the application.

The Office notes that the specification contains typographical errors. Applicants point out that the specification was amended in the June 10, 1999, Preliminary Amendment, including the correction of the misspelling "polybrain" on page 48.

The Office provisionally rejected claims 23, 24, 27, 28, 31, 32, and 39 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 15, 18, 21, and 28 of copending Application No. 08/643,732.